

Classic Holiday Fruitcake

Old-fashioned fruitcake makes a comeback! Our recipe wows kids with all kinds of colorful fruits and fragrant spices.

Ingredients:

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| ❄️ 1 ½ cups apples, peeled and diced | ❄️ 1 teaspoon ground cloves |
| ❄️ 2 cups granulated sugar | ❄️ 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| ❄️ ½ cup apple juice | ❄️ 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| ❄️ 3 large eggs | ❄️ 1 teaspoon salt |
| ❄️ ¼ cup vegetable oil | ❄️ 2 cups pecans, chopped |
| ❄️ 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract | ❄️ 1 cup figs, chopped |
| ❄️ 3 cups all-purpose flour | ❄️ 1 cup dates, chopped |
| ❄️ 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon | ❄️ ½ pound candied red cherries, chopped |
| ❄️ 1 teaspoon ground allspice | ❄️ ½ pound candied pineapple, chopped |

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Line three loaf pans with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, mix together apples, sugar, and apple juice. Let stand for 10 minutes.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, vegetable oil, and vanilla extract.
5. Add egg mixture to apples and mix well.
6. In another large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, nutmeg, baking soda, and salt. Add to apple mixture and mix well.
7. Fold in pecans, figs, dates, cherries, and pineapples into apple-and-flour mixture. Pour into prepared loaf pans.
8. Bake until toothpick inserted in the middle of the fruitcake comes out clean, about 1 hour.
9. Let cool in pans for about 15 minutes before turning cakes out to cool completely on wire racks.

Makes 1 fruit cake

REMINDER TO SELF: Ask parents if children have any food allergies!

